

CITY OF KETCHUM (PWS 5070028)
SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

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Executive Summary

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment area, sensitivity factors associated with the wells, and aquifer characteristics.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for the City of Ketchum, Idaho*, describes the public drinking water system, the boundaries of the zones of water contribution, and the associated potential contaminant sources located within these boundaries. This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source.

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The City of Ketchum drinking water system consists of seven wells in two groupings. Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 are located south of Sun Valley and are used in the summer and as backup sources. Though these wells have moderate ratings in hydrologic sensitivity and high ratings in system construction, a lack of potential contaminant sources and the quality of the water delivered throughout the years kept the total well ratings at moderate susceptibility to volatile organic contamination, synthetic organic contamination, inorganic contamination, and microbial contamination. Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Northwood Well, Parkwood Well, and Big Wood Well are located north of the City of Ketchum in the Big Wood River valley. These five wells have high ratings in hydrologic sensitivity and moderate to low ratings for system construction. Ketchum Well #1, the Parkwood Well, and the Northwood Well have a high overall susceptibility to volatile organic contaminants and synthetic organic contaminants due to the potential contaminant sources in the area. The other two wells have a total susceptibility rating of moderate for all types of contaminants. In February 1995, Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Northwood Well, Parkwood Well, and Big Wood Well water quality test had a detection of the volatile organic contaminant Dichlormethane. Ketchum Well #1 exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level for total coliform bacteria in November 1992. Except for these occurrences, water quality tests have not detected volatile organic contaminants or synthetic organic contaminants in the well water. The inorganic contaminants arsenic, nickel, fluoride, antimony, barium, selenium, chromium, cyanide, and nitrate have been detected in the well water, but at levels below the Maximum Contaminant Levels for drinking water. The system has a hypochlorinator and gaseous chlorine disinfection system that has prevented microbial contamination from affecting the drinking water since 1992.

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For the City of Ketchum, source water protection activities should focus on sustaining and implementing practices aimed at wellhead protection. Issues raised in the 1995 Drinking Water Supply Report should be addressed. Keeping the wellhead and surface seal up to standards will reduce the susceptibility ratings. Other practices aimed at reducing the movement of contaminants within the designated source water areas should be investigated. Any accidental spills in the Big Wood River, Trail Creek, or from Highway 75 should be closely monitored. Additionally, transportation corridors can be subject to the over-application of herbicides, fertilizers, road salts, or other chemicals. Disinfection practices should be maintained to prevent microbial contamination from becoming a concern.

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Section 1. Introduction - Basis for Assessment

The following sections contain information necessary to understand how and why this assessment was conducted. **It is important to review this information to understand what the ranking of this source means.** A map showing the delineated source water assessment area and the inventory of significant potential sources of contamination identified within that area are attached. The list of significant potential contaminant source categories and their rankings, used to develop this assessment, is also attached.

Level of Accuracy and Purpose of the Assessment

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess the over 2,900 public drinking water sources in Idaho for their relative susceptibility to contaminants regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the delineated assessment area, sensitivity factors associated with the wells, and aquifer characteristics. All assessments must be completed by May of 2003. The resources and time available to accomplish assessments are limited. Therefore, an in-depth, site-specific investigation to identify each significant potential source of contamination for every public water system is not possible. **Therefore, this assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this source. The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and they should not be used to undermine public confidence in the water system.**

The ultimate goal of the assessment is to provide data to local communities to develop a protection strategy for their drinking water supply system. DEQ recognizes that pollution prevention activities generally require less time and money to implement than treatment of a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. DEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The decision as to the amount and types of information necessary to develop a source water protection program should be determined by the local community based on its own needs and limitations. Wellhead or source water protection is one facet of a comprehensive growth plan, and it can complement ongoing local planning efforts.

Section 2. Conducting the Assessment

General Description of the Source Water Quality

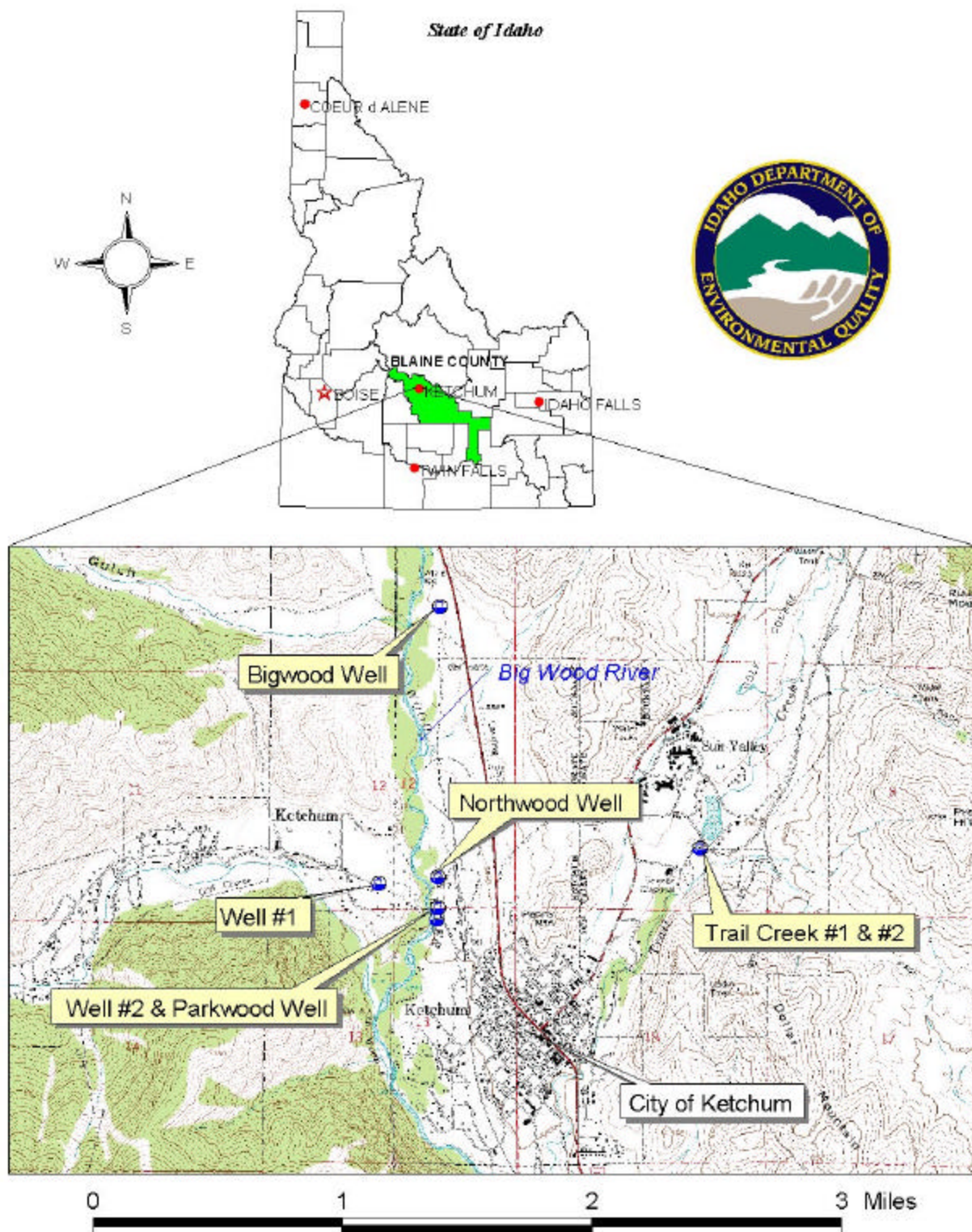
The City of Ketchum has seven wells that make up a community system serving approximately 4,000 people through 1,350 connections. Seasonal fluctuations due to tourism can increase the population by over 200% (Castelin and Winner, 1975). The City of Ketchum is located in Blaine County, at the confluence of Trail Creek and the Big Wood River (Figure 1). The public drinking water wells are located in and around the cities of Sun Valley and Ketchum.

There are no current, long term, recurring water chemistry problems in the drinking water sources. However, some of the sources have detected potential chemical problems during routine sampling. In February 1995, the Ketchum Well #1 and #2, the Parkwood Well, Big Wood Well, and Northwood Well water had a detection of the volatile organic contaminant (VOC) Dichlormethane. Well #1 has shown elevated levels of fluoride, but current mixing of source water before delivery of the water to customers has reduced the risk of health effects. Ketchum Well #1 exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria in November 1992. Except for these occurrences, water quality tests have not detected volatile organic contaminants or synthetic organic contaminants in the well water. The inorganic contaminants arsenic, nickel, fluoride, antimony, barium, selenium, chromium, cyanide, and nitrate have been detected in the well water, but at levels below the MCLs for drinking water. The system has a hypochlorinator and gaseous chlorine disinfection system that has prevented microbial contamination from affecting the drinking water since 1992. Though no significant IOC, VOC, SOC, or microbial water chemistry problems currently exist, the possibility of contamination from nearby potential contaminant sources remains.

Defining the Zones of Contribution - Delineation

The delineation process establishes the physical area around a well that will become the focal point of the assessment. The process includes mapping the boundaries of the zone of contribution into time-of-travel (TOT) zones (zones indicating the number of years necessary for a particle of water to reach a well) for water in the aquifer. DEQ used a refined computer model approved by the EPA in determining the 3-year (Zone 1B), 6-year (Zone 2), and 10-year (Zone 3) TOT zones for water associated with the Big Wood River aquifer in the vicinity of the City of Ketchum. The computer model used site specific data, assimilated by DEQ from a variety of sources including the City of Ketchum well logs, local area well logs, and various reports (Castelin and Winner, 1975; Frenzel, 1989). The delineation for Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 can best be described as encompassing the entire Trail Creek watershed. The delineation for the Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Parkwood Well, Big Wood Well, and Northwood Well contains eight miles of the Big Wood River valley to the confluence of the North Fork of the Big Wood River, about 3 ½ miles of the Warm Springs Creek valley, and into the adjoining creek valleys. The actual data used by DEQ in determining the source water assessment delineation area is available upon request.

Figure 1. Geographic Location of City of Ketchum Wells



Identifying Potential Sources of Contamination

A potential source of contamination is defined as any facility or activity that stores, uses, or produces, as a product or by-product, the contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act and has a sufficient likelihood of releasing such contaminants at levels that could pose a concern relative to drinking water sources.

The goal of the inventory process is to locate and describe those facilities, land uses, and environmental conditions that are potential sources of ground water contamination. The locations of potential sources of contamination within the delineation areas were obtained by field surveys conducted by DEQ and from available databases.

The dominant land use outside the City of Ketchum is undeveloped land, rangeland, woodlands, recreational facilities, and mining operations. Land use within the immediate area of the ground water wells consists of urban, industrial, business, residential, and governmental uses.

It is important to understand that a release may never occur from a potential source of contamination provided best management practices are used at the facility. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal level, state level, or both to reduce the risk of release. Therefore, when a business, facility, or property is identified as a potential contaminant source, this should not be interpreted to mean that this business, facility, or property is in violation of any local, state, or federal environmental law or regulation. What it does mean is that the potential for contamination exists due to the nature of the business, industry, or operation. There are a number of methods that water systems can use to work cooperatively with potential sources of contamination. These involve educational visits and inspections of stored materials. Many owners of such facilities may not even be aware that they are located near a public water supply well.

Contaminant Source Inventory Process

A two-phased contaminant inventory of the study area was conducted during the spring and summer of 2000. The first phase involved identifying and documenting potential contaminant sources within the City of Ketchum Source Water Assessment Area through the use of computer databases and Geographic Information System maps developed by DEQ. The second, or enhanced, phase of the contaminant inventory involved contacting the operator to validate the sources identified in phase one and to add any additional potential sources in the area. This task was undertaken with the assistance of Steve Hansen of the City of Ketchum and John Bokor of Idaho Rural Water Association.

Since the wells have three separate delineated source water areas, the wells have different numbers and types of potential contaminant sources. The Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Parkwood Well, and Northwood Well have nine (9) potential contaminant sources (Table 1, Figure 2). The Big Wood Well has two (2) potential contaminant sources (Table 2, Figure 2). The Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 have 16 potential contaminant sources (Table 3, Figure 3). The sources include a number of mines, government facilities, general contractors, general businesses, recreational facilities, businesses having underground storage tanks (USTs), and sites with completed and incomplete leaking underground storage tank (LUST) cleanups. Additionally, there are sites regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Since the ground water aquifer is hydraulically connected to the surface water system (Luttrell and Brockway, 1984), the Big Wood River and other streams that cross the delineations will be considered potential sources of contamination. Finally, Highway 75 could be a potential source of contamination from an accidental spill.

Table 1. City of Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, Parkwood Well, and Northwood Well Potential Contaminant Inventory

SITE #	Source Description ¹	TOT Zone ² (years)	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants ³
	Big Wood River, Warm Springs Creek	0-10	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes
	Highway 75	0-10	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes
1	UST – open	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
2	UST – closed	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
3	General contractor	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
4	Excavating contractor	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
5	Delivery service	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
6	General contractor	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
7	Guyer Hot Springs	3-6	Database Search	IOC
8	RV dump site	6-10	Enhanced Inventory	IOC, VOC, SOC
9	UST – open	6-10	Enhanced Inventory	VOC, SOC

¹UST = underground storage tank

²TOT = time-of-travel zones (zones indicating the number of years necessary for a particle of water to reach a well)

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Table 2. City of Ketchum Big Wood Well Potential Contaminant Inventory

SITE #	Source Description ¹	TOT Zone ² (years)	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants ³
	Big Wood River	0-10	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes
	Highway 75	0-10	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes
1 see map #8	RV dump site	6-10	Enhanced Inventory	IOC, VOC, SOC
2 see map #9	UST – open	6-10	Enhanced Inventory	VOC, SOC

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Figure 2. Bigwood Well, Northwood Well, Parkwood Well, Ketchum Wells #1 & #2 Delineation and Potential Contaminant Locations

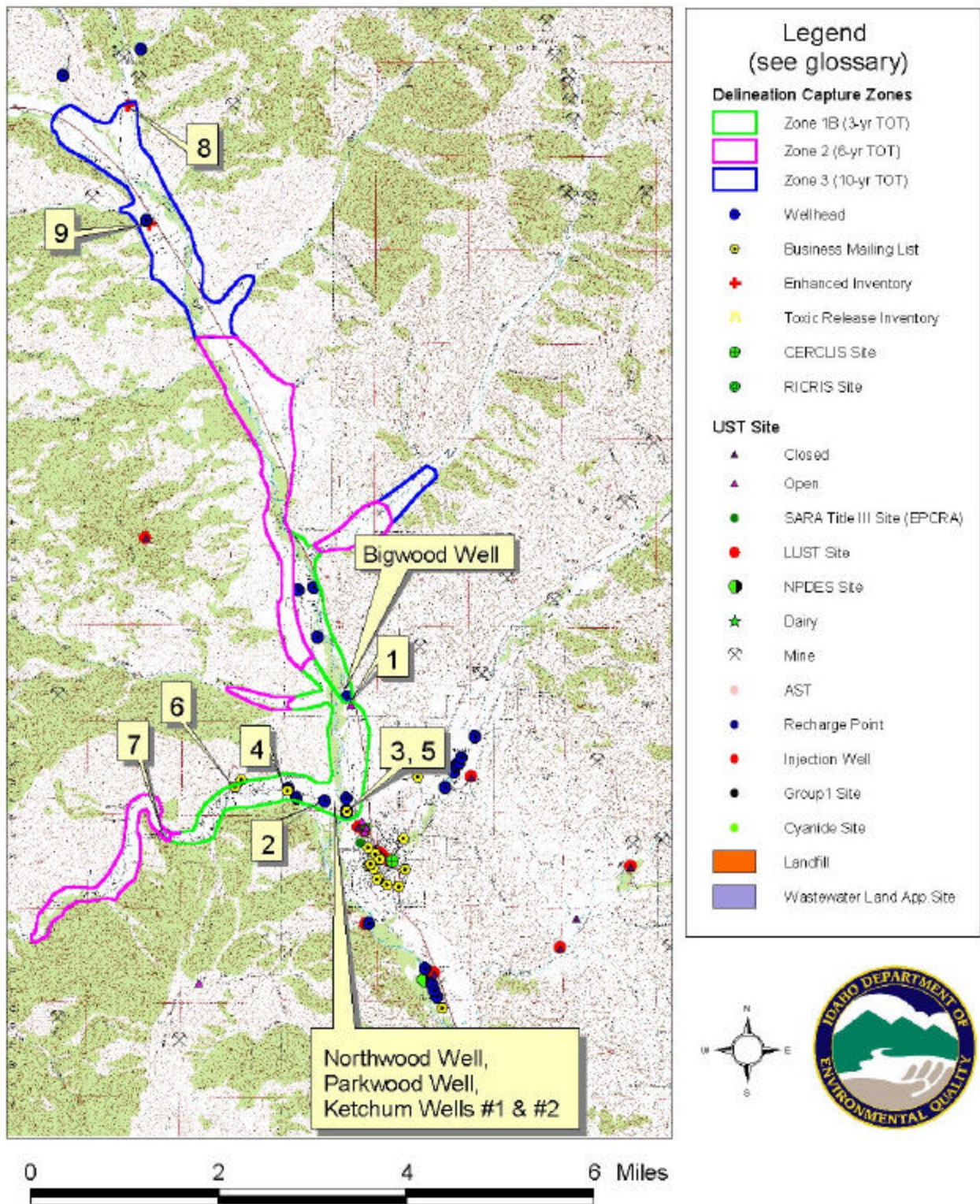
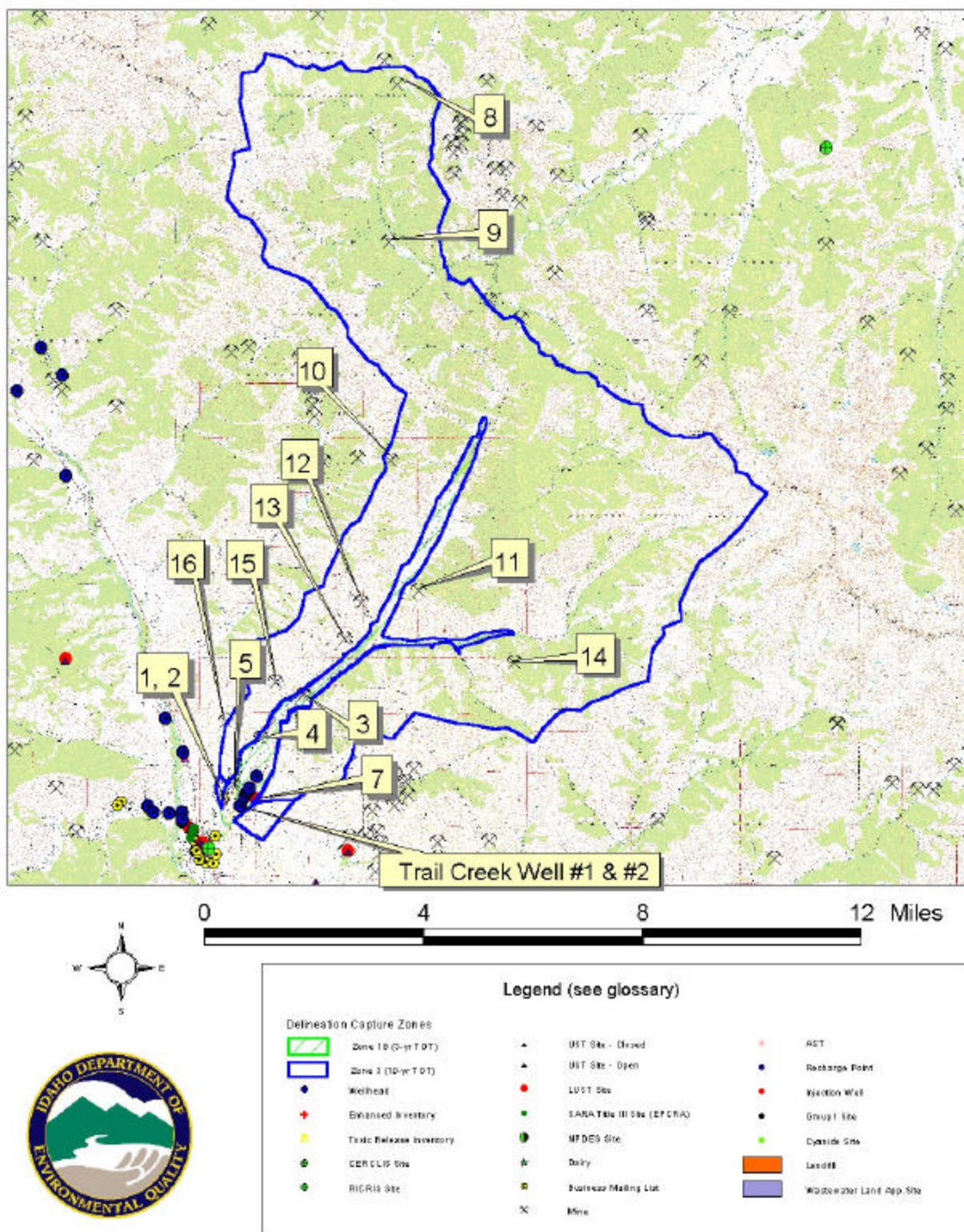


Figure 3. Trail Creek Well #1 & #2 Delineation and Potential Contaminant Locations



**Table 3. City of Ketchum Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2,
Potential Contaminant Inventory**

SITE #	Source Description ¹	TOT Zone ² (years)	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants ³
1	UST – open	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
2	Building contractor	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
3	Mine – sand and gravel	0-3	Database Search	IOC
4	Mine – sand and gravel	0-3	Database Search	IOC
5	Mine – Lead	0-3	Database Search	IOC
6 (see #7)	LUST – complete	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
7	UST – closed	0-3	Database Search	VOC, SOC
	Trail Creek	0-3	Database Search	IOC, VOC, SOC, Microbes
8	Mine – zinc	6-10	Database Search	IOC
9	Mine – lead	6-10	Database Search	IOC
10	Mine – silver	6-10	Database Search	IOC
11	Mine – lead	6-10	Database Search	IOC
12	Mine – lead	6-10	Database Search	IOC
13	Mine	6-10	Database Search	IOC
14	Mine – silver	6-10	Database Search	IOC
15	Mine	6-10	Database Search	IOC
16	Mine – lead	6-10	Database Search	IOC

¹LUST = leaking underground storage tank, UST = underground storage tank

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Section 3. Susceptibility Analyses

The susceptibility of the sources to contamination was ranked as high, moderate, or low risk according to the following considerations: hydrologic characteristics, physical integrity of the well, land use characteristics, and potentially significant contaminant sources. The susceptibility rankings are specific to a particular potential contaminant or category of contaminants. Therefore, a high susceptibility rating relative to one potential contaminant does not mean that the water system is at the same risk for all other potential contaminants. The relative ranking that is derived for each well is a qualitative, screening-level step that, in many cases, uses generalized assumptions and best professional judgement. The following summaries describe the rationale for the susceptibility ranking.

Hydrologic Sensitivity

Hydrologic sensitivity was rated moderate for Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 (Table 4). Multiple factors affect the likelihood of movement of contaminants from the surface to the aquifer and lead to this moderate score. The soils within the delineation are classified as poorly to moderately drained, which reduces the score. The vadose zone (zone from land surface to the water table) is predominantly made of gravel, which increases the score. The depth to ground water is generally less than 50 feet below ground surface (bgs) and there is not at least 50 cumulative feet of low permeability layers to reduce the downward movement of contaminants.

Hydrologic sensitivity was rated high for the five wells (Ketchum #1 and #2, Parkwood, Northwood, Big Wood) north of the City of Ketchum (Table 4). Multiple factors affect the likelihood of movement of contaminants from the surface to the aquifer and lead to this high score. The soils within the delineation are classified as moderate to well drained, which increases the score. The vadose zone is predominantly made of gravel. The depth to ground water is generally less than 20 feet bgs and there is not at least 50 cumulative feet of low permeability layers to reduce the downward movement of contaminants.

Potential Contaminant Sources and Land Use

The Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Parkwood and Northwood wells rated moderate for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) (i.e. petroleum products) and synthetic organic chemicals (SOCs) (i.e. pesticides), and low for inorganic chemicals (IOCs) (i.e. barium, fluoride) and microbial contaminants. The largest numbers of points for the wells came from the various potential contaminant locations north of the City of Ketchum and the nearby location of the Big Wood River and Highway 75.

The Big Wood Well rated moderate for IOCs and VOCs, and low for SOCs and microbial contaminants (Table 4). The largest number of points came from increased agricultural activity as well as the nearby location of the Big Wood River and Highway 75.

Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 rated moderate for IOCs and low for VOCs, SOCs, and microbial contaminants. The large number of mines and the Trail Creek added the largest number of points for these wells.

Table 4. Summary of City of Ketchum Susceptibility Evaluation

Well	Susceptibility Scores ¹									
	Hydrologic Sensitivity	Contaminant Inventory				System Construction	Final Susceptibility Ranking			
		IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbials		IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbials
Ketchum #1	H	L	M	M	L	M	M	H(*) ³	H	H* ²
Ketchum #2	H	L	M	M	L	L	M	H*	M	M
Parkwood	H	L	M	M	L	M	M	H(*)	H	M
Northwood	H	L	M	M	L	M	M	H(*)	H	M
Big Wood	H	M	M	L	L	M	M	H*	M	M
Trail Creek #1	M	M	L	L	L	H	M	M	M	M
Trail Creek #2	M	M	L	L	L	H	M	M	M	M

¹H = High Susceptibility, M = Moderate Susceptibility, L = Low Susceptibility,

IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

²H*: Denotes detection of VOC or exceedance of an bacterial Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) in delivered drinking water

³H(*): Denotes both an overall high score and an automatic high score due to detection of VOC

Well Construction

Well construction directly affects the ability of the well to protect the aquifer from contaminants. The City of Ketchum drinking water system consists of seven wells that extract ground water for domestic, industrial, recreational, and commercial uses. The well system construction scores were rated high for the Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2. The system construction scores were rated moderate for the Ketchum Well #1, the Parkwood Well, Northwood Well, and Big Wood Well. Ketchum Well #2 had a low system construction score (Table 4).

The information obtained from the various well logs included 1) the depth of the well; 2) the casing diameter, thickness, depth, and formation type installed into; 3) water table depth; 4) screened or perforated intervals; 5) surface seal depth and formation type installed into; 6) year of construction; and 7) whether current Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) construction standards are being met (Table 5).

All the wells had a *Drinking Water Supply Report* conducted in 1996. The five wells north of Ketchum were in substantial compliance with the regulations concerning public water systems (PWSs). Information on the Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 was too limited to determine compliance with current regulations. All the wells except for the Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 have adequately protected wellheads and surface seals. Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 fall within the 100-year flood plain, which leads to a higher score. Sodium hypochlorite is used at the Big Wood, Northwood, and Parkwood wells. Ketchum Wells #1 and #2 use a gaseous chlorine system. The Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2 do not have a means to continually disinfect their water. Well logs were available for all the wells, except for Trail Creek Well #1. When information was adequate, a determination was made as to whether the casing and annular seals had been extended into low permeability units and whether current PWS construction standards were being met.

Table 5. Well Construction Summary Information

Well	Depth (ft)	Casing: diameter/thickness (in)	Casing: depth (ft)/formation	Water Table Depth (ft)	Screened Interval (ft)	Surface seal: depth (ft)/formation	Drill Year	IDWR ¹ Standards Met?
Ketchum #1	110	20/0.375	75/Clay and sand	50	NI	20/Gravel and clay	1978	No
Ketchum #2	60	16/0.375	60/Clay and some gravel	9	6-50	22/Large gravel and clay	1981	Yes
Parkwood	42	12/0.250	42/Rock - andesite	9	NI	NI	NI	No
Northwood	40	6/0.250	40/Gravel, clay , and sand	NI	22-30	NI	1984	No
Big Wood	81	16/0.375	79/Decomposed granite	21	30-73	20/Clay and gravel	1986	No
Trail Creek #1	NI	NI	NI/NI	NI	NI	NI/NI	NI	No
Trail Creek #2	58	9/NI	52/Red rock	4	10-48	NI/NI	1954	No

¹Idaho Department of Water Resources

²NI = no information was available

System construction scores are reduced when information shows that potential contaminants will have a more difficult time reaching the intake of the well. If the casing and annular seal both extend into a low permeability unit then the possibility of cross contamination from other aquifer layers is reduced and the system construction score goes down. In this case, Ketchum Well #2 and the Big Wood Well have both the casing and the annular seal in a low permeability unit (Table 5). If the highest production interval is more than 100 feet below the water table, then the system is considered to have better buffering capacity. For the City of Ketchum, none of the wells meet this criterion. Though the City of Ketchum wells may have met construction standards at the time of their installation, only the City of Ketchum Well #2 meets current IDWR well construction standards.

The IDWR *Well Construction Standards Rules* (1993) require all PWSs follow DEQ standards as well. IDAPA 58.01.08.550 requires that PWSs follow the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) during construction. Various aspects of the standards can be assessed from well logs. Table 1 of the *Recommended Standards for Water Works* (1997) states that 6-inch steel casing requires a thickness of 0.288 inches, 8-inch steel casing requires a thickness of 0.322 inches, and 12-inch, 16-inch, and 20-inch casing requires a thickness of 0.375 inches. The Parkwood and Northwood wells used 0.250-inch thick casing. The Standards state that screens will be installed and have openings based on sieve analysis of the formation. Only Ketchum Well #2 used screens. Standard 3.2.4.1 requires all PWSs to have yield and drawdown tests that last “24 hours or until stabilized drawdown has continued for six hours at 1.5 times” the design pumping rate. Only Ketchum Well #2 had an adequate pumping test.

Based on local and nearby well logs and previous studies of the area (Castelin and Winner, 1975; Frenzel, 1989; Brockway and Kahlown, 1994), the City of Ketchum wells are completed in the fluvio-glacial (river and glacier deposited) sediments comprised of fine to coarse-grained gravel that have considerable quantities of water available for use.

Final Susceptibility Ranking

Because they indicate a pathway for contamination already exists, detections of IOCs above drinking water standard MCLs, a detection of total coliform bacteria, fecal coliform bacteria, or E-coli bacteria, or a detection of an SOC or VOC in a water chemistry test, will automatically give a high susceptibility rating for a well despite the land use of the area. In February 1995, Ketchum Wells #1 and #2, the Northwood Well, Parkwood Well, and the Big Wood Well water quality test had a detection of the VOC Dichlormethane. Ketchum Well #1 exceeded the MCL for total coliform bacteria in November 1992. Hydrologic sensitivity and system construction scores are heavily weighted in the final scores. Having multiple potential contaminant sources in the 0- to 3-year time of travel zone (Zone 1B) contribute greatly to the overall ranking. For the City of Ketchum, the Parkwood well, Northwood well, and Ketchum Well #1 rate high for VOCs and SOC, and moderate for IOCs and microbial contaminants. The Trail Creek Wells #1 and #2, Ketchum Well #2, and the Big Wood Well rated moderate for all types of contaminants (Table 4).

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The wells in the City of Ketchum system take water from the alluvial (river deposited) aquifer that comprises the valley floor. The valley floor is ½ mile to 1-½ miles in width. The depth of the valley fill in the area of the City of Ketchum is approximately 80 to 150 feet below land surface (Castelin and Winner, 1975). The ground water and surface water systems are hydraulically connected and the hydraulic potential within the aquifer does not vary greatly. Recharge is primarily from precipitation, tributary valley underflow, and canal and stream seepage losses (Luttrell and Brockway, 1984). Water quality problems have been attributed to sewage treatment facilities, mining, construction, and agriculture (Castelin and Winner, 1975).

Section 4. Options for Source Water Protection

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Assistance

Public water suppliers and others may call the following DEQ offices with questions about this assessment and to request assistance with developing and implementing a local protection plan. In addition, draft protection plans may be submitted to the DEQ office for preliminary review and comments.

Twin Falls Regional DEQ Office (208) 736-2190

State DEQ Office (208) 373-0502

Website: <http://www2.state.id.us/deq>

Water suppliers serving fewer than 10,000 persons may contact John Bokor, Idaho Rural Water Association, at 1-800-962-3257 for assistance with wellhead protection strategies.

POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks) – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

Business Mailing List – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

CERCLIS – This includes sites considered for listing under the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. CERCLA, more commonly known as [Superfund] is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

Cyanide Site – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

Dairy – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

Deep Injection Well – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

Enhanced Inventory – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

Floodplain – This is a coverage of the 100year floodplains.

Group 1 Sites – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

Inorganic Priority Area – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

Landfill – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

Mines and Quarries – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.)

Nitrate Priority Area – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5mg/l.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) – Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

Organic Priority Areas – These are any areas where greater than 25 % of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

Recharge Point – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

RICRIS – Site regulated under **Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)**. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities) – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

UST (Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

Wastewater Land Applications Sites – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by DEQ.

Wellheads – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

NOTE: Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

Where possible, a list of potential contaminant sites unable to be located with geocoding will be provided to water systems to determine if the potential contaminant sources are located within the source water assessment area.

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Attachment A

City of Ketchum
Susceptibility Analyses
Worksheets

The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

- 1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.2)
- 2) 2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.35)

Final Susceptibility Scoring:

0 - 5 Low Susceptibility

6 - 12 Moderate Susceptibility

≥ 13 High Susceptibility

1. System Construction

SCORE

Drill Date	04/12/1978	
Driller Log Available	YES	
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1996
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES	0
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES	0

Total System Construction Score 4

2. Hydrologic Sensitivity

Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO	2
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2

Total Hydrologic Score 6

3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A

IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score
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Land Use Zone 1A	IRRIGATED PASTURE	1	1	1	1
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		1	1	1	1

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B

Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	2	8	8	2
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		4	8	8	4
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	0	2	2	
4 Points Maximum		0	2	2	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0

Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B 4 10 10 4

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II

Contaminant Sources Present	YES	2	2	2	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0	
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	

Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II 2 2 2 0

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III

Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	0	1	0	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0	

Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III	1	2	1	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score	8	15	14	5
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score	12	13	13	12
5. Final Well Ranking	Moderate	High	High	Moderate

Ground Water Susceptibility Report Public Water System Name : KETCHUM CITY OF Well# : KETCHUM WELL #2
Public Water System Number 5070028 10/16/2000 2:16:05 PM

1. System Construction	SCORE
Drill Date	06/16/1981
Driller Log Available	YES
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES 1996
Well meets IDWR construction standards	YES 0
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES 0
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	YES 0
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO 1
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES 0
Total System Construction Score	1

2. Hydrologic Sensitivity		
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Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO	2
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2
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	Total Hydrologic Score	6

3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A		IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score

Land Use Zone 1A	IRRIGATED PASTURE	1	1	1	1
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		1	1	1	1

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B						
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)		YES	2	8	8	2
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum			4	8	8	4
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or		YES	0	2	2	
4 Points Maximum			0	2	2	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area		NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B		Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B			4	10	10	4

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II				
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Contaminant Sources Present	YES	2	2	2

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Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or 4 Points Maximum	YES	0	2	2	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B		4	10	10	4
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II					
Contaminant Sources Present	YES	2	2	2	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0	
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II		2	2	2	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III					
Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	0	1	0	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0	
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III		1	2	1	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score		8	15	14	5
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score		12	13	13	12
5. Final Well Ranking		Moderate	High	High	Moderate
Ground Water Susceptibility Report					
Public Water System Name :	KETCHUM CITY OF		Well# : NORTHWOOD WELL		
Public Water System Number	5070028		10/16/2000 2:16:19 PM		
1. System Construction		SCORE			
Drill Date	07/30/1984				
Driller Log Available	YES				
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1996			
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1			
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES	0			
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2			
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1			
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES	0			
Total System Construction Score		4			
2. Hydrologic Sensitivity					
Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO	2			
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1			
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1			
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2			
Total Hydrologic Score		6			
3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A		IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score

Land Use Zone 1A	IRRIGATED PASTURE	1	1	1	1
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		1	1	1	1
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B					
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	2	8	8	2
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		4	8	8	4
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	0	2	2	
4 Points Maximum		0	2	2	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B		4	10	10	4
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II					
Contaminant Sources Present	YES	2	2	2	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0	
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II		2	2	2	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III					
Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	0	1	0	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0	
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III		1	2	1	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score		8	15	14	5
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score		12	13	13	12
5. Final Well Ranking		Moderate	High	High	Moderate
Ground Water Susceptibility Report					
Public Water System Name :		Well# : BIG WOOD WELL			
Public Water System Number		KETCHUM CITY OF	5070028	10/16/2000	2:15:32 PM
1. System Construction		SCORE			
Drill Date	09/24/1986				
Driller Log Available	YES				
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1996			
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1			
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES	0			
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	YES	0			
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1			
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES	0			
Total System Construction Score		2			

2. Hydrologic Sensitivity

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Soils are poorly to moderately drained		NO	2		
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown		NO	0		
Depth to first water > 300 feet		NO	1		
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness		NO	2		
Total Hydrologic Score			5		
3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A			IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score Microbial Score
Land Use Zone 1A		IRRIGATED PASTURE	1	1	1 1
Farm chemical use high		NO	0	0	0
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A		YES	NO	YES	NO NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A			1	1	1 1
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B					
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)		YES	2	2	2 2
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum			4	4	4 4
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or		YES	2	0	0
4 Points Maximum			2	0	0
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area		NO	0	0	0 0
Land use Zone 1B		25 to 50% Irrigated Agricultural Land	2	2	2 2
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B			8	6	6 6
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II					
Contaminant Sources Present		YES	2	2	2
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or		NO	0	0	0
Land Use Zone II		Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II			2	2	2 0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III					
Contaminant Source Present		YES	1	1	1
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or		YES	0	1	0
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of		NO	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III			1	2	1 0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score			12	11	10 7
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score			9	9	9 10
5. Final Well Ranking			Moderate	Moderate	Moderate Moderate
Ground Water Susceptibility Report Public Water System Name : Well# : TRAIL CREEK #1					
Public Water System Number 5070028			10/16/2000 2:16:45 PM		
1. System Construction			SCORE		
Drill Date					
Driller Log Available		NO			

Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1996				
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1				
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	NO	1				
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2				
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1				
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	NO	1				
Total System Construction Score		6				
2. Hydrologic Sensitivity						
Soils are poorly to moderately drained	YES	0				
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1				
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1				
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2				
Total Hydrologic Score		4				
3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A		IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score	
Land Use Zone 1A	RANGELAND, WOODLAND, BASALT	0	0	0	0	
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0		
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		0	0	0	0	
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B						
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	4	3	3	1	
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		8	6	6	2	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	0		
4 Points Maximum		1	1	0		
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0	
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0	
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B		9	7	6	2	
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II						
Contaminant Sources Present	NO	0	0	0		
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0		
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0		
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II		0	0	0	0	
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III						
Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1		
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	0		
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0		
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III		2	2	1	0	
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score		11	9	7	2	
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score		12	12	11	11	
5. Final Well Ranking		Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	

1. System Construction

SCORE

Drill Date	08/27/1954	
Driller Log Available	YES	
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1996
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	NO	1
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	NO	1

Total System Construction Score

6

2. Hydrologic Sensitivity

Soils are poorly to moderately drained	YES	0
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2

Total Hydrologic Score

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3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A

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ScoreMicrobial
Score

Land Use Zone 1A	RANGELAND, WOODLAND, BASALT	0	0	0	0
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		0	0	0	0

Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B

Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	4	3	3	1
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		8	6	6	2
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	0	
4 Points Maximum		1	1	0	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0

Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B

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Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II

Contaminant Sources Present	NO	0	0	0	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0	
Land Use Zone II	Less than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	

Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II

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Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III

Contaminant Source Present	YES	1	1	1	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	YES	1	1	0	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy > 50% of	NO	0	0	0	

Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III	2	2	1	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score	11	9	7	2
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score	12	12	11	11
5. Final Well Ranking	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate